UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

DATE: July 2, 1964

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This memorandum recommends that we authorize an extension of the current technical surveillance (tesur) on Martin Luther King, Jr., to cover his activities in Los Angeles, California, commencing 7/8/64 and authorize installation of a microphone surveillance (misur) at the same time and place.

King plans to be in Los Angeles commencing 7/8/64 [redacted] It is noted that the Republican National Convention is scheduled to start in San Francisco, California, 7/13/64.

ASAC Onsgard, Los Angeles, telephonically advised 7/1/64 that Los Angeles can effect a tesur with full security by running lines from the office's technical plant to the Hyatt House Hotel and in the event King registers there, it will be a simple matter to activate such a tesur. Los Angeles is presently checking out the feasibility of a misur at this Hotel to further our coverage and is to advise the Bureau of the results of its check.

OBSERVATIONS:

It would be most desirable to effect as much technical-type coverage as can be safely done to cover King's activities on the West Coast in view of his association with Communists. He undoubtedly will attempt to inject himself into the Convention proceedings as he had previously indicated possible demonstrations or picketing of the Convention. During his stay in Los Angeles just prior to the Convention he is very likely to reveal much of his plans and such information would undoubtedly be available through a tesur. King has also injected himself into the current Mississippi situation and the tesur would be a source in that regard. The tesur would likely furnish intelligence

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relative to the St. Augustine, Florida, situation in which King is so prominent. [redacted]

It is noted that in October, 1963, we received the Attorney General's authority to place a tesur on King at his Atlanta, Georgia, residence or at any future address to which he may move. We believe we should extend such coverage to his temporary (Hotel) residence in Los Angeles. It is likewise felt that a misur should be installed, if it can be done with full security, to gain further evidence of the activities of this moral degenerate.

RECOMMENDATIONS: ≙

(1) If you approve, we will telephonically advise Los Angeles to go ahead with the tesur provided it can be done with full security.

(2) With your approval we will also authorize a misur at such time as Los Angeles advises that it can be effected with full security.